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Rec. Dorsey, George
Sec 4-01.1 Variety

5 August 1957
Rec. Warner, Jack
C/N 1-05 (General)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. George Dorsey, Warner Bros., said an ad on pages 42 and 43 of VARIETY, 31 July 1957 (we are securing a copy) refers to a forthcoming TV series on the OSS to be shown over the American Broadcasting Company's network. The ad reproduces a facsimilie of the OSS official seal, he said.

3. Dorsey said Jack Warner reminded Dorsey that over five years ago they asked CIA to cooperate in such a series and received a letter signed by Colonel Chester Hanson saying no cooperation of the sort requested could be granted.

4. Warner wants to know if the "OSS" series advertised in VARIETY is "official". I told him it is not "official" insofar as CIA is concerned, but as I understand from press releases it is a series by "OSS Veterans" -- a civilian and not a Governmental organization.

5. Dorsey wants to know if CIA will now cooperate with Warner Bros., in a TV series on CIA exploits. He said "all Hollywood" is seeking such a series.

6. I told Dorsey that CIA had not furnished any writer, TV or otherwise, with "exploits" of CIA and that the National Security Act of 1947 charges the DCI with protecting sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

7. He said Jack Warner is after him to see what he can get. I suggested he write a letter to the DCI.

8. He also said Warner bought the picture rights to Don Whitehead's "The FBI".

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Assistant to the Director

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